



## NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

### WARNING OF RURAL FIRES

#### I. SITUATION

According to the information provided by IPMA, the weather forecast for fire risk is expected to worsen due to the decrease in relative humidity and the increase in wind intensity. The following aspects should be highlighted for the next 48 hours. :

- Temperature: gradual rise in the maximum temperature values, with the 31st of July (Wednesday) being expected to be warmer, reaching levels of 40° C within the Alentejo;
- Wind is expected to be from the north / northwest quadrant, with temporary north-east rotation in the North and Centre inland on July 30 and 31, blowing steadily over the next 48 hours. Gusts of up to 75 km / h may occur in the Algarve (particularly Foia and Monchique) and up to 65 km / h on the west coast, including at night.

July 30 (Tuesday) stands out as being predictably the most critical in terms of wind intensity (all day long), in particular the Faro district (mainly the windward Algarve) and the Central and South regions; gusts up to 70 km / h (mainly in the districts of Lisbon and Leiria);

- Humidity: low relative humidity (HR), which today (July 29) could be <30 to 35% in the interior of the country, and it is not expected that night recovery in the Algarve and Castelo Branco district is expected and that recovery is very weak in the trans montane northeast. Tomorrow (30 July) it is expected a decrease in HRA levels, which should not exceed 20% (and 15%, punctually) in the South and in the Centre interior and <30% in the northeast Trans montano.

#### 2. EXPECTED EFFECTS

Depending on the weather forecast, it is expected:

Increased fire risk rates tomorrow, especially in the northern and central interior and the Algarve region.

#### 3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES



The National Emergency Protection and Civil Authority points out that for locations where the fire hazard index is HIGH or MAXIMUM, the following is not permitted:

- The burning of cut and heaped scrub and any type of exploitation surplus is subject to authorization by the local authority, which must define the necessary follow-up for its realization, taking into account the risk of the period and zone concerned.
- The use of stoves and grills throughout the countryside, except when used outside critical areas and in places duly authorized for this purpose;
- The launch of balloons with lit strand and rockets. The use of fireworks is only allowed with permission of the City Council;
- Fumigate or disinfect apiaries unless fumigators have spark arrest devices are fitted.

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority also recommends the adaptation of behaviours and attitudes to the rural fire hazard situation, namely through the adoption of the necessary preventive and precautionary measures, in the use of fire in rural spaces, observing the restrictions in force. Pay particular attention to the evolution of the fire danger for the coming days, available from ANEPC and IPMA websites, from the City Councils and Fire Departments Forest Technical Offices.

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